

RON DeSANTIS
6TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND
GOVERNMENT REFORM
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0906

1524 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515
T: (202) 225-2706

31 LUPI COURT
SUITE 130
PALM COAST, FL 32137
T: (386) 302-0471

1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
SECOND FLOOR
PORT ORANGE, FL 32129
T: (386) 756-9798

120 SOUTH FLORIDA AVENUE
SUITE 324
DELAND, FL 32720
T: (386) 279-7343

September 10, 2018

Dear Speaker Ryan,

One of my guiding principles during my tenure in Congress has been to protect the taxpayers that I represent. This is why in my first days in office, I rejected my congressional pension, turned down the healthcare subsidy for members of Congress, and fought against a congressional pay raise. I believe members of Congress should not be treated any differently than those they govern. I've done my best to live these principles: I refused my pay during government shutdowns and have slept in my office to cut costs and be a more effective legislator.

During my time in Congress, we've been able to accomplish some great things. I've had the honor to lead on important issues such as eliminating the Sexual Harassment Slush Fund for members of Congress, increasing protections for sexual assault victims in the military, and getting the PAWS Act to the floor for a vote later this month, which will provide much needed help for service members dealing with Post-Traumatic Stress. I've also been proud to play a significant role in helping pass one of the largest tax cuts in our country's history and moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem.

As the Republican nominee for Governor of Florida, it is clear to me that I will likely miss the vast majority of our remaining session days for this Congress. Under these circumstances, it would be inappropriate for me to accept a salary. In order to honor my principles and protect the taxpayer, I officially resign from the House of Representatives effective immediately. For purposes of pay, I ask that my resignation be retroactive to September 1 so that I do not receive any pay for the month of September.

This is not a decision I make lightly. It has been an honor to serve the people of Florida's Sixth Congressional District, and I look forward to serving them and the rest of Florida as our state's next Governor.

Respectfully,



Ron DeSantis